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CC: Mylott, Richard [Mylott.Richard@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Budget and site specific questions from ABC Fox Montana

A few small additions from my perspective for consideration. Mike will need to check my accuracy/appropriateness.

- 1) Designated superfund site correct? Will the budget cuts affect this clean up at all? And if it will how? Will there be enough money to cover the clean up? Partial clean up? How much money is being set aside for CFAC clean up? How long will clean up take?

- Yes – The site was listed to the National Priorities List September 2016.

EPA is not commenting on the FY 2017 budget at this early stage in the process. Under an agreement with EPA, Glencore/CFAC is providing funds for SF related activity, including recent site investigation and sampling work. \$4 million has been set aside to cover the costs of the investigation work. The results of the investigation will eventually identify specific cleanup needs and options. Discussions regarding specific cleanup needs and actions will be based on that evaluation.

- 2) Compared to Libby asbestos situation how bad is the contamination? Is it as bad? Not that bad? How will residents in Columbia Falls be affected? Health wise? Are old workers who used to work at CFAC health impacted? How so?

The sites are very different. The Libby, Montana site involved a different contamination source and exposure pathways affecting residents. For the CFAC site, Glencore/CFAC is currently conducting a site investigation under the SF process to determine the nature extent of contamination. Currently, EPA, the community, and others are evaluating the initial sampling data released last month. To date, there is no information indicating exposure pathways affecting residents. Primary concerns include on-site soils and groundwater impacts, as well as potential impacts to the Flathead River. While the site investigation is ongoing, data released last week suggest limited/minimal off-site impacts.

- A human health risk assessment is/will be conducted at the site to determine potential risks to human health as a result of the contamination at the site. This assessment includes former CFAC workers. Results of that assessment will be made public when they are available.

- 3) Was there any settlement money with the company like the WR Grace settlement?

- No. Under an agreement with EPA, Glencore/CFAC is providing funds for and conducting site investigation activities under the SF process.

- 4) What should residents in Columbia Falls be concerned about? Educated about?

EPA has been engaged and communicating regularly with the community since 2014? through public meetings and information sessions regarding site conditions, the SF process, and next steps. Key actions this summer include XX and YY, which will inform ZZZ. The next public meeting is scheduled for later this month...We encourage residents to continue to attend these meetings for updates on site conditions and next steps.

- EPA has been working with the Columbia Falls community to identify and address their concerns and how best to deliver information. Please take a look at the draft community involvement plan for the CFAC Site that outlines community concerns.

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Subject: RE: Budget and site specific questions from ABC Fox Montana

Rich prepared some responses – please check this and see if they work for you and/or add/edit.

Thanks and hope you didn't spend too much time on it.

Lisa

From: Mylott, Richard
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 11:51 AM
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Some thoughts below—for you and Mike to ground-truth--and fix-- as needed...

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Please advise – should region respond to these (see below) or press@epa.gov?

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Subject: CFAC questions

Hi Lisa,

I've been compiling some questions that I will have you pass on to HQ. Thanks!

I'll probably be sending you more in the coming days/weeks as I think of them.

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Best,

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